

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) Performance Level Descriptors World Geography

Performance Level Descriptors

Students achieving Level III: Advanced Academic Performance can

- Draw inferences and make predictions using various forms of geographic data
- Apply an understanding of the interaction between physical patterns, cultural patterns, natural resources, and underlying processes that affect people, places, and environments to predict future conditions or problems
- Analyze how globalization leads to conflict and cooperation among various populations and regions of the world
- Evaluate examples of cultural diffusion, convergence, and divergence and draw conclusions about the spread of cultural traits and the resulting patterns

Students achieving Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance can

- Interpret various forms of geographic data
- Explain the characteristics of, and processes that create, major landforms, climates, and ecosystems
- Analyze the ways geography influences historical events
- Analyze factors that promote continuity and change among cultures
- Describe the characteristics of various political and economic systems
- Explain the reasons for and impact of migration on various regions, countries, and nations
- Analyze how humans interact with the environment
- Analyze the impact of scientific and technological innovations on humans and the environment

Students achieving Level I: Unsatisfactory Academic Performance can

- Identify and use geographic tools, terminology, and data
- Identify major landforms, climate patterns, and ecosystems
- Recognize the characteristics of culture
- Identify factors that influence human settlement patterns